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### **Sanders and Kaplan Earn 2016 Environmental Scholarships From DPW and Republic Services**

Bedford High School seniors Trenton Sanders and Avery Kaplan were named recipients of the 2016 Environmental Scholarship.

The scholarship is sponsored by the Department of Public Works and Republic Services and awarded to a Bedford High senior who takes a leading role in increasing the school's recycling efforts and improving the efficiency of the program.

"Trenton and Avery each took a leadership role to maintain the success of the recycling program at Bedford High and pursued areas where it could be expanded," said Ed McGrath, the town's Recycling Coordinator. "Because of their dedication, Trenton and Avery are being awarded \$1,400 each."

Sanders, who plans to attend the University of South Florida, served as the recycling coordinator at Bedford High this year. Kaplan was a four-year member of the Environmental Club and was a member of the Envirothon team (an environmental competition) designing a campaign around invasive species. She will attend Wesleyan University in the fall.

"Trenton helped to maintain the efforts to keep teachers aware of when and how to recycle," said Michael Griffin, Program Administrator for Science at Bedford High. "He also coordinated the students to pick up the recycling on a regular basis and would often recruit students to assist when we were low on volunteers."

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"Avery has been an integral member of the Environmental Club over the last two years," Griffin said. "She has helped plan and lead a UN based climate change simulation, promoted recycling, and began the process of building a composting station in the courtyards."

The Environmental Club coordinates recycling efforts at BHS and looks at ways to reduce the impact of the school community on the environment. Other activities include gardening, hiking, camping and various other outdoor activities.

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